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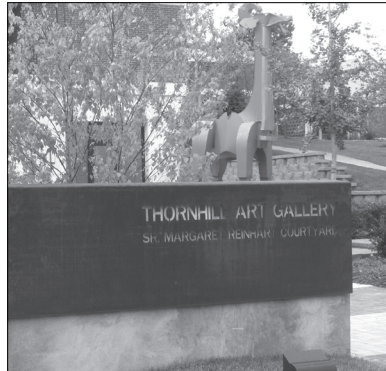
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Dom the Eagle gets a makeover for the new season

By Mario Ausiello

2009 certainly started out with a bang as the Avila football team edged Doane 9-6. Amongst the cheerleaders on the sidelines was the new and improved Avila Eagle. The old costume was outdated; dull gray face and white feathers. It lacked pizzazz and school spirit. It looked more like a bald eagle than the actual Avila Eagle. Yet that Saturday, Dom the Eagle was sporting his new shiny purple feathers with his Avila jersey puffed out on his chest proudly. One fan, Tim Matson even commented, "Whoa! The new Eagle looks BA bro!" as the eagle flapped his wings enticing the crowd to its feet. Another student, Allie Kohls, said, "I like the new 'get up.' The purple definitely gives it more team spirit." Not only did the football team pull off a close victory in the 4th but the even Dom was getting cheers as well. To say the least, the new mascot is a big hit.

Did You Know?

Well in 1990, Avila voted on changing the new mascot from the 'Avalanche' to the 'Eagles'. Later that year Avila won a National Designs Award for their new Eagles logo. After the vote, it came time to choose the name of the Eagle, and what better person than Sister Ann Dominic Tassone of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Sister Tassone was a professor in mathematics and was the chair of the department of Natural and Allied Health Sciences and Mathematics for 35 years. She was much more than a professor, she was a role model, and one who loved sports. Her dedication knew no bounds. One day she was on her way to attend another Avila Basketball game, when she slipped and broke her wrist. She got up and attended the game anyways. It wasn't until after the game that the trainer finally drove her to the hospital. Now that is dedication that we wish to instill in every student, here at Avila. It is that dedication that gave Avila the honor to name their mascot 'Dom the Eagle' after our beloved Sister Ann Dominic Tassone.



The new Dom shows off at the First Down Classic Saturday, Aug. 29. The Eagles went home with a win against Doane College.

Wellness Organization reminds you to cover your cough

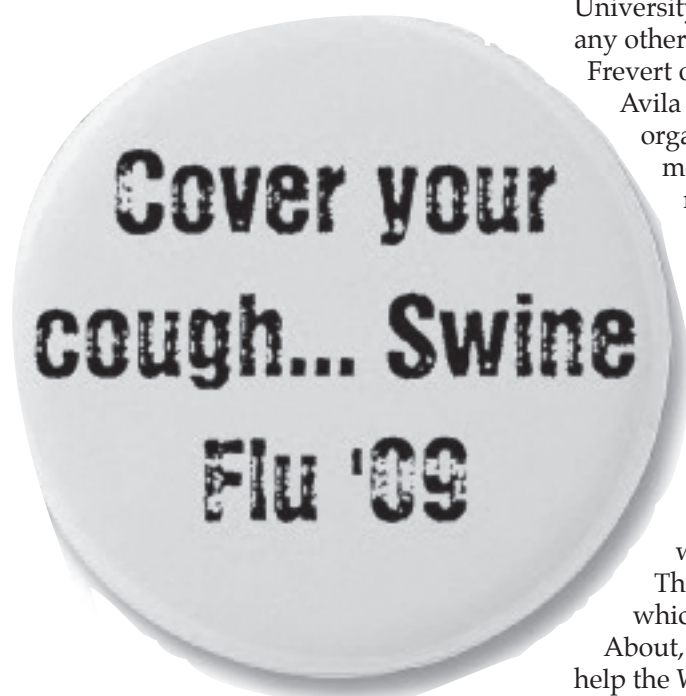
By Jason Haase

The Wellness Organization here at Avila University does more for us students than any other organization here on campus. Carol Frevert otherwise known as Nurse Carol, to Avila students is the leader of the Wellness organization. Nurse Carol explained to me during our interview that there are no officer's but rather Nurse Carol and seven other students work as a team to get things done within the organization. One of the students in the Organization I interviewed was Amy Ayers; Amy is new to the Wellness organization, however she informed me of free self defense classes that the Wellness Organization will be setting up in a couple weeks. The Wellness Organization or PEACH which stands for Peers, Educating Avila, About, Consulting, Heath, is primarily to help the Wellness of all students whether that is through recreational use, physical activity or in class rooms. The Wellness Organization has set up bowling for birds, which students

bowling, and for every pin they strike down the Wellness Organization donates money to Harvesters. Might I add that everything the Wellness organization sets up is completely free to us students, they have set up eagle madness, speakers for athletic programs, like we had at the beginning of the year, which was might I add fabulous! However the most popular event they have sponsored has to be the free massages

"If students quit coming to me then it's time for me to leave"

that are held at every semester's end. Everyone that is an RA here at Avila has had something to do with the Wellness Organization, whether it be training, or volunteering their time. The Wellness Organization is primarily dedicated to the students here at Avila in every way, whether you are an athlete, in theatre or just a full time student. Nurse Carol's motto for 25 years here at Avila has been "If students quit coming to me then it's time for me to leave" and as you can tell that motto has coincided with the Wellness Organization throughout the years.



Upcoming Movies

October 2

Zombie Land
Whip It

October 9

Couples Retreat

Oct 16

The Stepfather

“Freakin’ Vampire” Freakin’ Awesome

By Charlotte Bishop



On September 17th, the International Kansas City Film Festival showed a very special movie involving vampires, zombies, and the magic in a young boy’s heart. Well, two out of three, but nonetheless an awesome show. The movie was called, “My Stepdad’s a Freakin’ Vampire.”

Part of what makes this movie so special is that the director goes to Avila! David Matheny, senior, is the mastermind behind it all. Between making the costumes and teaching himself the CGI skills, “Freakin’ Vampire” took him two-and-a-half years to create.

“It was only supposed to take a year,” Matheny says, “I ended up taking a year off school to finish it.”

It’s no surprise. Matheny made all of the vampire costumes out of foam latex, and they were indeed very realistic. There are also zombies in the film; they’re completely CGI, the skills for which Matheny taught himself. He admits, however, that amidst all this glory there were some problems.

“We kept breaking the equipment,” he laughs, “And I had bought all of it.”

“Freakin’ Vampire” got a two week run at the Glenwood Theater at the end of the showing. If you missed it, you missed out, because it was freakin’ awesome.

The Foreigner surely to pleased audiences

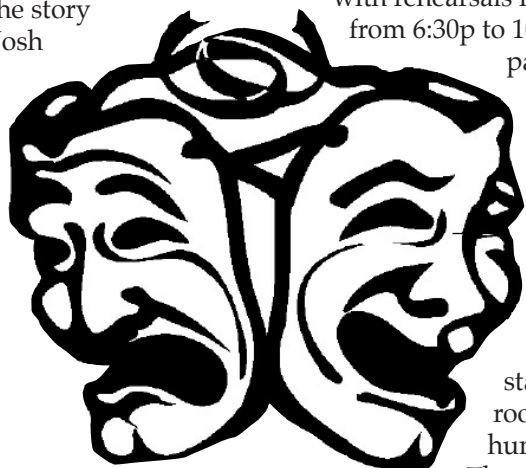
By Anna Scott

This year’s starting play is one that all of you will generally enjoy. Larry Shue’s *The Foreigner* will be directed by our guest director Sid Garret (who has directed previous shows at Avila) with co-director Bill Warren.

Being a comedy the story is simple. Senior Josh Gleeson gives me

an overview of the play itself saying, “Charlie (Andy Perkins) has a phobia of talking to people.” Gleeson plays a staff sergeant in the British army named Froggy.

“Froggy makes up a clever story for Charlie.” As it plays out, Froggy visits America every so often to teach the American army of bombs. While he is here he stays at a fishing lodge in Georgia where Charlie is also staying. Charlie doesn’t want to communicate to anyone, so Froggy tells him to act like a “foreigner”.



This way he doesn’t have to speak English or be bothered by anyone at the lodge. As he sits back and watches the other characters in the play, Charlie overhears secrets and a conspiracy of the KKK taking over.

The cast has been working hard with rehearsals five days a week from 6:30p to 10:30p. Then the paint crew takes over from 11:00p to 2:00a to get the set ready for the productions. Cast and crew also help build the set on an occasional weekend transforming the stage into a detailed room filled with humor and suspense. The show will hit the stage next week October

1, 2, and 3 at 8:00p, and Sunday October 4 with a noon showing.

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The Thornhill Massacre: a destruction of 'Dreams'



A life size giraff stands tall outside of Thornhill Art Gallery in the courtyard. There used to be two untill a student ruined one of the pieces of art by trying to ride it.

By Brian Garrison

There once stood two Giraffes outside the Thornhill Art Gallery, but at approximately 3 a.m. on September 6, one of the works of art was destroyed.

Juniper Tangpuz brought his artwork to Avila to debut at the new Thornhill Art Gallery. His art includes life size animals made from corrugated plastic and zip ties. While all his art is great, there's no doubt that the life size Giraffes stood head and shoulders above the rest.

Marci Aylward, an art professor, at Avila stated, "I was driving when all of a sudden I got a phone call telling me that one of the pieces of art was knocked over." She thought maybe the wind had just blown it over and they might be able to fix it. Once she arrived on campus and had talked with other faculty members, it was obvious that this piece of art was ruined.

Fortunately, there is a camera in place that overlooks the Gallery and the culprit was caught on tape, apparently trying to ride the Giraffe. The video was distinct enough to make out who

the person was and it turns out it was an Avila student.

The student has met with school officials and while his punishment is still unclear, one thing is for sure, he's responsible for \$1,500 price tag that was attached to the art.

Tangpus was upset about his art being destroyed, but was gracious enough to put a different piece of art where his Giraffe once proudly stood. Aylward explained that the worst part is that Tangpus has had art at many different places including the University of Kansas Campus, but never has had any of his art been destroyed.

Aylward was quick to point out that many of her students and some of the faculty was extremely upset because while the student is being reprimanded, this incident makes our university as a whole look bad.

Come check out Juniper Tangpuz "Unusually Dreams" exhibit, which is still on display at the Thornhill Art Gallery, but be respectful of the art and remember our actions represent this university.

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Avila brings home a big victory at First Down Classic

By Peter Kondracki

The excitement was palpable as the Avila University Eagles took the field in their brand new black and purple Nike uniforms. The Platte County School's band was also in attendance thanks to the efforts of Avila Head Bruce Young. The band played great and really helped make it the perfect college football atmosphere. Also the weather couldn't have been more perfect at 75 degrees and hardly a cloud in the sky. The stands were packed to capacity as both schools had a great turnout of fans and both halves of the grandstands were filled with purple and orange.

However, even with all of these distractions taking place, the players remained focused on the task at hand. All week long the coaching staff had stressed the importance on focus and execution throughout practice and in meetings. Avila was more than ready to play as a few pre-game pep talks and a couple of war chants began to light a fire in the eyes of the Eagles.

Doane won the coin toss and elected to defer to the second half. Avila's 1st drive wasn't anything but special as they were forced to punt the ball before establishing any kind of offensive rhythm.

Both teams' defenses really established their dominance throughout the game as neither team was able to move the ball to "pay dirt" and score a touchdown. Doane drew 1st blood with a 36 yard field goal made by Kicker Andrew Nielson with around 2:11 left in the 1st quarter. The Tigers had led a methodical 11 play, 46 yard, drive but the Eagle's defense stood tall in the red zone and would not let them cross the goal line. This "bend but not break" method would be a recurring theme for the Eagle's defense all game.

Avila's offense finally began to come together in the second quarter. With the switch to a whole new Spread offense, it was almost suspected by the coaching staff that Avila's offense would struggle in the beginning, but as the offense began to put

more and more drives under their belts, things came together. Avila finished the 1st quarter and opened the 2nd with a long 12 play drive of short, high percentage, passes and great running from senior Running Back Damien Collins. The drive covered 41 yards, but Avila couldn't seem to even sniff the end zone as the offense stalled and settled for a field goal. Avila Kicker Andrew Korth connected on a 41



yard field goal, tying the game at 3-3. Avila's defense continued to play strong shutting down Doane's offense throughout the second quarter and giving the Eagle's offense great field position. This led to a 45 yard field by Korth after a short unsuccessful drive by the offense. Avila went into the locker room at half time ahead 6-3.

Avila's defense continued to apply pressure as they kicked the ball off to Doane to start the second half. The Tigers were shut out the entire 3rd quarter, while the Eagles had a few promising drives but ended up coming short. With the 3rd quarter coming to a close Avila did manage a 10 play drive covering 39 yards, mostly compiled again by Damien Collins, which led to yet another field goal by Andrew Korth. This one was shorter; 33 yard kick that he drilled through the uprights and extended the lead for Avila 9-3.

The 4th quarter really proved to be the best as big hits and long plays, along with a dramatic finish adding to the excitement of the game. Doane came

out swinging in the 4th as they compiled another great 11 play, 66 yard drive. Again Avila's defense stood tall and shut the Tigers down forcing a field goal. Doane Kicker Andrew Nielson again came through hitting a 39 yard field goal with 10:25 remaining in regulation closing the lead to 9-6. Neither offense could muster any points for the rest of the game as both teams continued to struggle against either

team's defense. With around 5 minutes left in the game Doane again came on strong with a long drive. The Eagles stopped them, but the Tigers were well within Nielson's range for another field goal. The Avila coaching staff could be heard as they were screaming calls from the sideline to the field goal block team. The play seemed to move in slow motion when the ball was snapped to Doane's Placekick Holder. The snap came out a little low and the Holder muffed the ball right through his hands. The football continued to roll past the kicker as it became an all out footrace between an Avila defender and Nielson. Avila ended coming up with the football and stopped Doane from forcing overtime. The Avila sideline erupted and had to be held back by the coaches as the Avila side of the stands gave a standing ovation. But this wasn't the only big play of the 4th quarter. Avila's offense couldn't do anything after the muffed field goal and again was forced to punt. Doane would not quit as they began to drive the football down the field.

The defense ended the game with biggest play of the game, as the defensive line got great pressure on Doane Quarterback Anthony Dunn forcing him to throw an ill-advised pass into double coverage. Senior Strong Safety Bryan Bosley came down with the interception and came only yards away from scoring a touchdown of his own for the Eagles. The offense and junior Quarterback Austin Cole came out and took a knee, thus icing the 9-6 win for the Eagles. The Avila sideline then stormed the field to celebrate a true "Classic" win.

Avila's Andrew Korth was named offensive player of the game after connecting on 3 field goals from 41, 45, and 33 yards. Doane College's Dalton Ryba was named defensive player of the game. The sophomore Linebacker recorded 13 tackles and a sack for the Tigers. CollegeFanz.com founder Bill Rasmussen (founder of ESPN 30 years ago) presented the 3rd Annual 1st Down Classic trophy to Coach Young at the post-game ceremonies.

2009 Impact Players



Austin Cole QB – While he hasn't proven himself yet, this offense will go as far as he can take them. With the recent switch to the spread offense, the QB has the keys to the car. And whether it turns out to be a Corvette or an old rusted out Station Wagon remains to be seen. He's got a big time arm and enough speed to stretch the pocket and by himself some time. He's a gutsy player who isn't afraid to tuck it and run.



Brian Witt WR/KR – Ever heard the expression "big things come in small packages"? Well that's what you're getting with Witt. The 5'8 160 lb. Slot Receiver and Kick Returner is lightning in a bottle with blazing speed and shifty moves. He has pretty decent hands as well and will most definitely be a problem for opposing defenses.

The Complete Avila Football Preview

By: Peter Kondracki

Starting over eleven freshmen, losing eight games, being in the bottom half of the conference in almost every offensive statistic, these stats would normally spell an unsuccessful season at first glance to anyone. And in a way last season could be considered a disappointment, but last year really helped lay a foundation for the football program. While decisive losses against Lindenwood, Missouri Valley, Mid-America Nazarene, and Baker occurred, Avila hung in there against the rest of the conference and was in position to win many more than three games, but mistakes and senseless penalties always seemed to rear their ugly heads at the most inopportune times. Such comes with the territory with a team so young. Now this young team is a year older and a year wiser. Things seem to be looking up on Wornall Road.

What to look for on offense

The addition of junior college transfer Austin Cole at the Quarterback position gives the Eagles a solid starter for the next two years. Also Ottawa University transfer Bransen Ireland brings a running threat and a solid #2 option at Quarterback. Justin Reed and Derrick Barnes also add quality depth. With 4 legitimate options at Quarterback, the position finally seems to have solidified since the graduation of Billy Firn. Damien Collins and Rodrick Coby give a great 1-2 punch at Runningback. Both are capable starters with different styles of running. Collins is more of a shifty explosive runner, while Coby is a powerful runner capable of breaking tackles. The Offensive Line is much improved from last year as returning starters Chris Morefield, Zach Johnson, and Dale Deetz are the anchors. New starters Josh Hewitt (Center) and Zak Busch (Guard) will definitely boost the talent level along the Offensive Line. This group really gelled together during the spring and should become the strength of the offense opposed to the Achilles Heel that it was last year. The Receiving Core took big hits with the graduation of Doug Wendel and Anthony Kelly, but the return of Brian Witt from injury (concussions) is a huge boost. His dynamic play-making ability will really add a threat that hasn't been seen in a couple of years. The maturation of Adam Mattison, Trey Swager, Marc Benavidez, John Hicks, Matt Rodenburg, and others will keep a strong Receiving Core running smoothly in 2009.

The offensive scheme has undergone a total facelift with the transition from the Pro Style I-Formation it was last year to the more modern wide open Spread attack you'll see this year. This means a higher octane offense with a lot of screen and down-field passes.

The offense still has a lot to prove and the timing between the Quarterbacks and Receivers needs improvement, but this offense has the potential to be a great one.

What to look for on defense

Defense has always been a strength for the Eagles and this year is no different. Defensive Coordinator Marty Steward's gap-control 4-3 defense has been an effective one and he also added a 3-4 look last year that will really help bring pressure with different combinations of blitzes.

On the Defensive Line, team leader Stephen Johnson looks to wreak havoc on opposing team's QBs this year at Defensive End. He looks to improve on his team leading 6.5 sacks that he recorded last year. Chris Smith looks to avoid a sophomore slump after a great freshman campaign last year that earned him All-Conference honors. While certainly not the biggest Defensive Tackle in the conference, he is very explosive and uses great technique. Jarrett Brooks is also a great player on the inside that will plug his gap and make plays when he can. The other D-End spot is up for grabs between Derrick Lewis, Shawn Sullivan, Peter Kondracki, Phillip McCabe and a couple of incoming freshman. McCabe and Kondracki saw playing time last year, while Lewis and Sullivan were redshirted. It should be a close race to see who grabs the starting spot. Linebacker is probably considered the position of choice in this year's defense. Starters Jesse Richardson, Derick Barker, and Matt Dolan all play at a very high level and all have potential to be All-Conference players. Richardson is the most proven of the bunch and is a catalyst to the Linebacking core. Dolan really came on strong last year before he was knocked out with injury. Barker is strong player on the inside who has a high motor and will make plays all over the field. This year's Defensive Backs are a group of very athletic and hard-hitting guys who really have an instinct for finding the football. Tyler Caldwell, who had a great spring, will start at Cornerback. He is a tough, physical player who really plays beyond his small frame (5'10 165 lbs). Look for him to have a lot of interceptions this year. Chris Boyer is an intimidating presence at the other Cornerback spot. A big player for the position (6'2 220 lbs) he really beats up on opposing receivers, but also has the speed to run with the conference's best. Boyer will show some bone-jarring collisions this year. Bryan Bosley, who started at linebacker last year, will start at Strong Safety. A great athlete that can play the pass as well as the run and at 6'0 220 lbs can lay a licking when flying across the field to make a tackle. He is probably the most physical player of the DB's. For the second year, CJ Moore will start at Free Safety. The senior, is the leader of the secondary and is the one who makes all of the coverage calls. He is a very fast player who isn't afraid to hit, but is also very good in coverage. He dropped a lot of interceptions last year so hopefully he has improved in that area.

Team Overview

The best recorded ever recorded in Avila football history is 5-5. This school has never had a winning season. This year's team has the potential to go above and beyond expectations and a 5-5 record. The talent is there on both sides of the ball. The offense has to become a cohesive unit, but from the looks of spring and training camp, it won't take long before the offense begins to pull its share of the load. The defense will remain a stingy one and the strength of this team. If Avila can have both units firing on all cylinders, this will be a hard team to beat. But if only one comes to play, you won't see many wins for the Eagles this year. The Heart of America Athletic Conference (HAAC) is regarded as the toughest in the country, but if you ask any of the coaches and players, they are more than ready for the challenge.

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Chris Morefield OL – Chris has already stepped up as an emotional leader for the Eagles. He's regarded as one of the toughest guys on the team and is an anchor to the offensive line. Was an all-conference player last year as a freshman.



Stephen Johnson DE/LB – The unquestioned leader of the defense. Avila's premier pass rusher is looking to have a breakout senior season. He is this team's heart and soul and is one of the most versatile players on the team. All-Conference pick last year.



Jesse Richardson LB – A player with great talent. All-Conference pick last year and one of the leading tacklers on the team. Plays with a high motor and really flies around the field.

Virtually Drunk:

PEERS reaches out to educate students about drunk driving.

By Emilee Bilyeu

On Tuesday, September 15th outside the Mabee field house, Avila students were able to drive into a virtual world at the Aware III simulation experience. PEERS – Professionals, Encouraging, Educational, Reformed, Statewide donated their staff and a car to allow students to participate in a drunk driving simulation. Using a DS Portable Road Simulator system, students wore Head Mounted Display (HMD) goggles which created a panoramic and realistic view of a virtual world. The sensors of the simulator hooked to the gas and break peddles of the vehicle as well as to the wheels of the car, which transported the driver's data back to a computer.

The simulation presents the participants with real driving conditions and obstacles. The DS simulator offers everyday driving conditions like, congested highways, rain, ice, responding to turning directions, all while being virtually intoxicated. "When I drove I hit a guy," said Chuck Davis, sophomore.

Participants like, Rachel Meyer, a senior were given four virtual drinks in the hour prior to driving the simulation. "The simulator made me feel dizzy and I wasn't able to control the car." PEERS Aware III simulations has been designed to show our youth the dangers of drinking and driving. "My perspective of drinking and driving has changed, I realized that you really never know how bad your driving really can be under the influence, it's a scary realization," said Jamie LeMaster, junior.

PEERS is based out of Grand Rapids, Michigan, PEERS travels nationwide providing students with information that will create healthy life choices against drunk driving through their Aware III simulation program. PEERS offers the DUI/DWI simulator as well as puts on a program called Reality Check, which is



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Campus Ministry shows love, kindness, and faith

By *Conor Riley*

Organizations at Avila University help bring together groups of people to help make the University and the community better. It could be through any organization and can be any person. One very impressive organization at Avila University is the Campus Ministry. Campus Ministry promotes the communication of Avila University values to the campus community. It provides opportunities for fellowship and spiritual exploration and understanding. This organization has over twenty students and is advised by David Armstrong, who has been with the Avila team since 2002.

When asking certain members of Campus Ministry about the program I got responses explaining how wonderful the program. I asked a new Campus Ministry student, Sarah Boone, a 19-year-old student who is majoring in elementary education, what she thought of campus ministry and nothing but good responses were brought forth. She said, "Campus ministry is really cool! We do a lot around the University. It's one of the most active groups on campus where we host tons of activities, such as floats by the fountain and upcoming cookouts for the promotion of peace". When asked what the organization does for the Avila students around campus her response was "There

are tons of service projects that not only Campus Ministry gets involved in, but we encourage the student body to get involved in as well. All around it's a great way to meet new people, get involved in the school, and help others in the surrounding communities".

The way campus ministry is described who wouldn't want to join this organization? It involves making friends, bringing peace, and opportunities to make a better environment. This faith-based organization has much to show the Avila students and will continue to show what life is all about. Showing love, kindness, and faith to everyone.



Microcinema, the organization that's everywhere, does everything

By *Lynette Galvan*

Constant chattering and ideas flourishing from the minds of the most imaginative; sounds like chaos, but always fun as assured by Ben Meade and Nicole Esquivel, advisor and co-advisor, of Avila's Microcinema club. Avila's Microcinema club is an organization that is made up of students who enjoy working with film, getting involved in events and having a good time. They meet twice a week, Tuesdays at 4pm and Fridays anytime depending on the members' schedules.

This crazy and fun family is made up fifteen or so members all of which have their own qualities and expertise that they bring to the club. Recently, they've been working on a small horror film to enter into the upcoming event Halloween Creep Fest going on October 29, 2009 at the Manor Square in Kansas City, Missouri. If their short film gets chosen it will feature in the Halloween Creep Fest program that evening. Esquivel says, "It's a really great and fun opportunity, one of the many opportunities that the club offers." It's events like these that gets Avila's Microcinema club known in the community.

Their club is not only a club that has fun, but also a club that offers many opportunities to get involved in community events and essentially help its member's names be known out in the business/event industry. Microcinema is a club that can get students prepared for life after college, contact Ben or Nicole if you're interested.



Where do you see yourself at Avila?

SODA, a dormant organization revived at Avila

By *Sarah Wilks*

Missouri, September 16, 2009- Student clubs come and go. They thrive based on student interest. One Avila club, started around nine years ago, has been dormant for the last few years. The school's website lists it as a club on the student organizations page, and many students have requested for it to be active once more. That is why Dr. Elaine Wright and Dr. Tony Michel, the co-advisors for the club, have taken to the task of reviving this organization.

The Sexual Orientation Diversity Alliance, known as SODA, is more than just a group for which students can get together and have pizza while they talk about homework. This club engages students in social awareness issues of diversity and acceptance.

Dr. Wright who has been an assistant professor of Social Work at Avila for two years clarifies the reasons for the club and her involvement. "I'm interested because students are interested, and that's what I'm here for. And because it's an identified student need. It creates community for all of

us- lesbian, gay, transsexual, bisexual, questioning, or allies- those who support people in being who they want to be and loving who they want to love."

"We needed to create more spaces to signal Avila as open to students from all different backgrounds," says Dr. Michel, an assistant English professor on campus. "One of our initiatives for our present project is to reinvigorate the organization and to get the Safe Zone workshops up and running again." Safe Zone refers to a national foundation of sexual diversity acceptance.

SODA is holding their first meeting since the revival of the club on September 29th. The location has not yet been specified. "Dr. Michel and I have done some recruiting; at the club fair, we had a big booth set up... we had a lot of interest," said Wright.



UCLA sets a standard for slang

Avila students explore the current slang

By Cory Stuefer

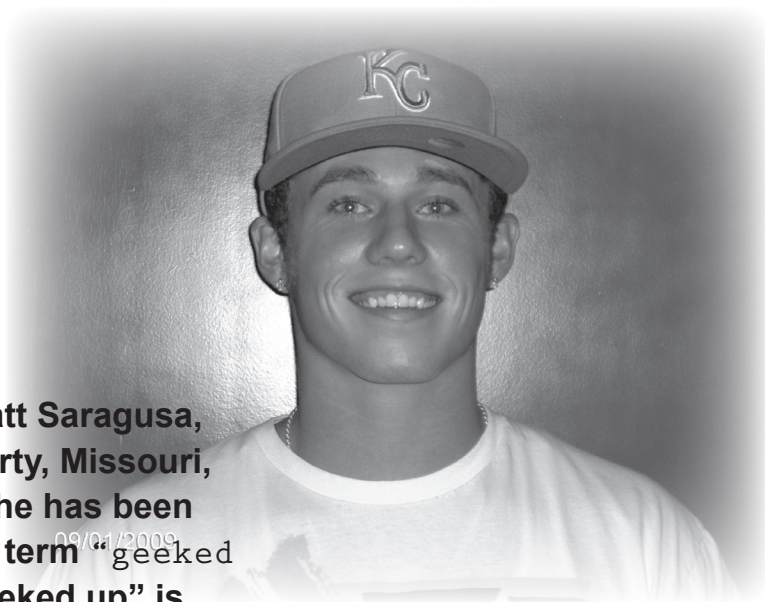
Every four years, since 1989, UCLA linguistics professor, Pamela Munro has released a list of slang terms used by the students on campus called the Slang Dictionary. This year the sixth edition of the dictionary has been released and, along with it, an entirely new set of words. Perhaps the term receiving the most attention out of this recent list is the word “schwa,” which is a synonym for “wow.” Although not as

recognizable as some of the terms on the list, schwa is a word that is apparently catching on very quickly around the UCLA campus. A term returning to the list is the commonly used slang term “cool.” When asked about her opinion on “cool” making a return on the list, Munro stated, “Cool is one of those words that everyone knows, but it is still considered slang.” Copies of UCLA Slang 6 are available for purchase by the public at www.linguistics.ucla.edu.



Michael Hudgens uses the slang term “Wonky.” Michael says that he hadn’t really heard the term used until coming to Avila. Jason Harris, design tech wizard for the Theater Department, uses the word to describe things that are imperfect in construction. Many students have taken to using the phrase.

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Junior Matt Saragusa, from Liberty, Missouri, said that he has been using the term “geeked up.” “Geeked up” is a term, that by Matt’s definition, means, “Somebody who dresses stylish or trendy.” When asked to use it in a sentence he came up with, “Before we go out, I’ve gotta get geeked up.”



Swagger had his own word, which originated from playing videogames with friends, and became a common term used out on the field as well. “**Dirtnap**’ would be killing someone in a videogame or just messing them up in general.” The word literally came from taking a nap in the dirt, otherwise known as being dead.



Tim Matson uses the phrase, “**Big gulps eh**” which means well see you later .



Mary Poduska, a junior majoring in Communications from Los Angeles says, lame - sauce. A fancy way to voice something is lame.

Avila University students.

Avila slang is apparent

By Emily Heid

Slang words are found everywhere and are used in every conversation. Listen around the campus and pick out the different slang Avila students are using these days. Perhaps it would help to have UCLA Slang edition six nearby in just in case a someone utters an unfamiliar slang word, dude.



Michaela Wilks, a Radiologic Science major from Lees Summit, Missouri said the one that came to mind for her was “*the commuters*” or those students that do not live on campus.



Sophomore football player, Dale Deetz weighed in by describing terms he often hears on the football field. When someone is playing at the top of their game, that player is described as **DOIN’ WORK**. Also, when a player is knocked down by a big hit he is considered to have just been baptized. These can be used by saying, “He just baptized that guy! He is doin’ work!”



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